

*Commissioned by the Hartford Independent Chamber Orchestra  
with generous support from the City of Hartford Arts & Heritage Jobs Grant Program, Pedro Segarra, Mayor.*

# Iseult Speaks

Elizabeth Hamilton

Jessica Rudman (b. 1982)

## 1. Iseult Speaks: "What we have is myth"

**Gentle ♩=96**

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the voice, indicated by a treble clef. The middle staff is for the piano, indicated by a bass clef. The bottom staff is also for the piano. The music is in common time, with a tempo of ♩=96. The vocal line begins with a series of eighth-note chords, followed by a melodic line with sustained notes and grace notes. The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal line, starting with "What we have is myth, but\_". The score includes dynamic markings such as *ppp*, *pp*, *p*, *mp*, and *p*. Measure numbers 10 and 15 are indicated above the staff. The score is numbered 15 at the bottom left.

22

*mp*

- . b $\flat$  . | 3 4 b $\flat$  . | 4 | b $\flat$  b $\flat$  | - | 3 4 |

I've known that from the start,

{

21

*mf*

knew it e - ven when you mar-ried a - noth - er and

*mf**f*8 $\flat$ 

32

*f*
*mf*
*mp*

si - lence stretched to fit dis - tance.

{

32 (8)

**38** *p conversational*

Mag - ic \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit-ter\_ thing, Tris - tan.\_\_\_\_\_

*pp*      *decresc. al niente*

38

**44** **Freely**  $\text{♩} = 88$

*mp*      spoken on pitch  
with contempt

Are you sur - prised\_ to hear me say this? More fool you, then.

*p*      *f*

44 *Ped.*

**49** **poco accel.**  $\text{♩} = 96$

*mf*      *mp*      *p*      *mp*

What you per - ceive as gen-tle-ness, As gen-er - o - si-

*mp*      *p*

49 *Ped.*

*p* *pp*

ty, is real-ly just re - sig - na - tion.

54

**[63] Restrained ♩=80**

**59** *mf* *passionately* **molto rit.** *pp* *senza vibrato*  
almost afraid

Yours \_\_\_\_ are the on - ly hands I can feel. If I sur-vive

59

*f* *warmly* *pp*

*ppp*

you, my skin will starve.

65

*8va* *ppp*

ATTACCA